



PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division
Vancouver, Washington Division
Community Based Outpatient Clinics
Salem, OR Bend, OR
Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)
Hillsboro, OR East Portland, OR*



NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T38-10-0189-IF	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Health Technician (31973A) GS-640-4 \$29,507 to \$38,357 per annum (Based on full-time employment)	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> 8:00a – 4:30p M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Research Service, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Temporary, NTE 1 year and 1 day 1 Full-time position	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 06/04/10	8. <u>Closing Date</u> 06/17/10

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen.

MAJOR DUTIES:

This position is located in Research and Development Services at the Portland VA Medical center in Portland, OR. Health Technician duties include, but are not limited to; secures patients' confidence and cooperation during procedures. Explain procedures, positions patients for desired results, and cushions and shield patients as appropriate. Operates and maintains medical instruments and equipment for diagnostic and treatment procedures. Determines technical factors, sets controls and operates equipment and instruments. Sets up equipment for simple procedures. Maintains stock of supplies for unit operations. Assists medical staff with or performs diagnostic procedures used to diagnose medical conditions. Performs a range of diagnostic support duties, such as taking, recording and reporting to supervisor deviation in vital signs, taking specimens, labeling specimens for the laboratory. Performs other duties as assigned.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-640, Health Aid and Technician series apply and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office.

General Experience: At least six (6) months of general experience (1) Any type of work that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position, or (2) experience that provided a familiarity with the subject matter or processes of the broad subject area of the occupation.

Specialized Experience: At least 6 months of specialized experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level, GS-3. Specialized experience includes, but is not limited to, work as a medical assistant, research assistant, health aid, or similar position in a research or healthcare environment. Examples of duties include consenting patients, position patients for procedures, taking patient vitals, recording information hard copy as well as electronically, entering data into databases and spreadsheets, running reports, generating graphs and charts, and ordering supplies.

Substitution of Education for Experience: If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet. For the GS-4 level an associate's degree or at least 2 years of successfully completed education above high school with courses related to the occupation is required with at least 12 semester hours in subjects related to the position (including medical, health or allied health sciences fields). This education must have been obtained in an accredited business or technical school, junior college, college or university for which high school graduation or the equivalent is the normal prerequisite. One year of full-time undergraduate study is defined as 30 semester hours, 45 quarter hours, or the equivalent in a college or university or at least 20 hours of classroom instruction per week for approximately 36 weeks in a business or technical school.

BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to the rating factors may result in your application receiving a less than desirable rating.

1. Knowledge of the principles of health services research.
2. Ability to review and revise written materials used to collect information from research participants.

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3. Ability to work with community and clinical programs to recruit subjects for medical research projects.
4. Ability to write descriptions of research purposes.
5. Ability to create written materials explaining research projects to potential research subjects.
6. Ability to interview research participants and record valid responses.
7. Ability to keep accurate records of research results.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future
- Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.
- A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.
- Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.
- A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38 USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).
- This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.
- It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

HOW TO APPLY:

All Applicants must submit:

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#) (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612)
2. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
3. Veterans Preference:
 - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (copy must display the required data which includes awards/medals/badges, dates and character of service) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
 - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
 - c. VA letter or DOD documentation of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
5. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).
7. ITCAP Applicants: Submit proof by including a copy of the agency notice, most recent Performance Rating and most recent SF-50 indicating current position, grade, level, and duty station.

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 06/17/10.

Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website,

<http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr>.

Applications may be mailed to:

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

Attn: T38-10-0189-IF

PO Box 1034

Portland, OR 97207

Or brought in person to:

Portland VA Medical Center

3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd

Building 16, Room 300

Portland OR 97239

APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.
- Foreign Education: To receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**